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**To:** [parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk)  
**Subject:** 9th April Meeting - Headline on Website  
**Importance:** High

Dear Marian,

In your understandable eagerness to put a positive spin on the recent, rather controversial meeting at the Coronation Hall, I don't think that the headline news on the Parish website is representative of the actual village response to the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was made clear by many present that they felt that the presentation by Nigel Cooper from Claverham Future was biased and one-sided. It was stressed that the presentation gave a totally unbalanced view of the pros and cons of a Neighbourhood Plan.

There was in fact a discussion about bringing in an independent speaker to present a realistic picture of what exactly was involved, what it meant for the villagers and only then would a decision be made about whether or not they wish to proceed as the Parish Council were refused a speaker by ALCA and North Somerset Council. In fact, Patrick White suggested Jo Gower as a speaker and the Chairman said that he would need to see evidence of her experience and impartiality.

When asked to vote on the resolution put forward, a lady stood up and said the process was not democratic and that she would not vote. Many others also said they would not vote. You may not have realised that this was the case as this took place mainly in the back of the room where I was stood with Kirsten from the Action Group.

It was only when Councillor Ray Bleazard suggested an addition to the Resolution to include the need for more information to be gathered that people were comfortable voting. Even then, it is not accurate to say that everybody in the room voted for the motion. I, in fact, was one of the abstentions at the back of the room and I know there were others.

Misrepresenting a meeting on the Parish website is hardly the way to get people to have faith and trust in the Parish Council, which is and has been for some time, at an all-time low anyway.

Knowing how things work, I am sure that you will not have done this without the approval of the Chairman but as you were present, you must surely have noticed the discontent in the room. Be that as it may, you will find that people in the village are up in arms about this. It was brought to my attention by several people so I am confident that I will not be the only person to flag this up.

Kind regards,